There were six ferries across the three rivers of the taluk *viz.*, Achenkovil, Pamba and Kumaramperur rivers. For want of bridges at those places, the people were very much inconvenienced. The need for the construction of a bridge at the Kaippattur *kadavu* had been urged upon the Government at several previous sessions of the Assembly, and in reply to the representation made at the twenty-second session, it was promised that the necessary provision would be made in the budget for 1102. But no provision was actually made. It should be done without further delay and the construction of the bridge started in 1102 itself.

The ryots' road joining the Kuriyannur-Tundiyil *kadavu* and the Kozhenchery-Cherukolepuzha road should be repaired and taken over for departmental maintenance. The total length of the road was only one and a half miles and there was no bridge or culvert to be constructed. It was an important road and very much used by the inhabitants of Telliyur, Kuriyannur, Kaneettukara, Aiyrur, Ezhumattur and other places.

The Mannarkulanji-Kozhenchery road had been constructed by the local inhabitants at great cost and handed over to the Government. But it was unfit for use because the necessary culverts on the road had not been constructed. In reply to the representation made on the subject at the twenty-second session, it was stated that provision for the work would be made in the budget for 1102, but nothing further was done. The work should be put in hand without further delay.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Kochukunju Pillai, the summary of your representation in regard to the establishmeat of a Munsiff's Court at Pattanamtitta, as also the representation made on the subject last year, were placed before the High Court, and they are of opinion that it is not necessary to establish a Munsiff's Court at Pattanamtitta at present. But, as regards the jurisdiction of the Munsiff's Court, they will be very glad to consider any definite proposal on the suggestions you have to offer. If you will put these definite suggestions down in writing and send them to the Chief Secretary, I shall be very glad to ascertain the High Court's views on the subject.

For various reasons of administrative convenience, as well as of economy, it is not considered advisable to establish a First Class Magistrate's Court at Pattanamtitta.

Then, in regard to the construction of culverts in the Mannarakulanji-Kozhenchery road, the Chief Engineer just told me that there are only a few culverts remaining to be done. The matter is now under correspondence with the Land Revenue Department who are endeavouring to make some adjustments in the matter of getting the necessary lands and as soon as that is settled you will have the remaining culverts completed.

As regards the bridge at Kaipattur *kadavu* that is going to be a big work and I cannot say when it will be taken up. The estimate has been called for and is under preparation.

III. Needs of the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. K. K. NARAYANAN NAIR (*Member, Tiruvalla taluk, Group I*) said that, although Tiruvalla was one of the most important taluks from the standpoint of population, literacy, revenue, etc., the means of communication were far from satisfactory. Many roads in the taluk were unfit for use. Though, on the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla road, 12 miles long, there were six places where bridges were necessary, the Government had sanctioned the construction of only one bridge *viz.*, that at Prayikara. That at least should be finished before the close of 1103. Of the remaining five, those at Pulikizh and Pannayi would be major works involving heavy outlay. But the others, *viz.*, those at Manipuzha, Podiyadi and Palattamkuzhi would be only small bridges not costing much. They should also be undertaken at an early date.

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The following public works were also urgently necessary :—

(1) The Peringara-Chattankari village road was not only unfit for cart traffic but portions of it were submerged under water during the rainy season. There was no bridge at Peringara *kadavu*. The Chattankari-Neerettupuram village road was also in disrepair. They should be improved and a bridge constructed at the place mentioned above.

(2) Improvement of the Karakkal-Melpra village road and its conversion into a cart road.

(3) Widening and improvement of the Muzhangadi-Nedumpram village road.

(4) Construction of a bridge and a culvert at Alamturutti on the Tiruvalla-Kavumbhagam road.

(5) Construction of a bridge at Palattamkuzhi in the Kavumbhagam-Muttur road.

(6) Construction of a bridge near the Vettikkal market and a culvert near the Vaipur old church on the ryots' road joining the Mallapalli-Cherukolepuzha road and Kulattur and extension of the road as far as the Manimala market.

(7) Taking over for departmental maintenance the ryots' village road joining the Putakadavu-Cherukolepuzha and the Ranni roads.

(8) Raising the level of the village road starting from the Pulikizh *kadavu* and joining the village road starting from the Niranam chruch, as it was submerged under water during the rainy season.

(9) Raising the level of portions of the Mannar-Chengannur road passing through Vampazhi, Kizh-Vampazhi, Pandanad and Parimala. Those portions were under water during the rainy season and people were prevented from going to the markets at Sastampuram or Mannar.

(10) Metalling the road starting from Valiakarimpuzha and ending at the Tiruvalla-Mavelikara road.

(11) Metalling the road starting from Puliyur on the Chengannur-Mavelikara road and joining the Tiruvalla-Mavelikara road and provision of a *junghar* at Ittyanar *kadavu*. It was the only road from Budhanur to Mannar, Chengannur and other places, and was also very useful for the pupils going to the Nair Samajam School at Mannar and the people going to the Sastampuram market.

As regards the canals in the taluk, the member said that the irrigation canals near the Kurattiyil temple were encroached upon and reclaimed by adjacent land-owners. Portions of the canals were rendered very narrow and unfit for irrigation purposes. They should be improved and widened.

The Makkattaril *todu* was most useful for the adjoining 3,000 *paras* of paddy lands but it was dried up during the summer season. If deepened and improved, it would not only be beneficial to the adjoining *punja* lands but also open a convenient waterway to Viyapuram from Chengannur, Mavelikara and other places.

The canal flowing through the *punja* lands on the western side of Mannattu-koikal Palace was silted up as a result of the floods of Karkatakam 1099. It was formerly useful for irrigating the adjoining lands but had been rendered unfit for the purpose by being silted up. It should be restored to its original condition.

The Mundari *todu*, a branch of the Pamba river, was unfit for navigation and irrigation. But portions of it were silted up and had become unfit for such purposes. The water had become unfit for drinking and even bathing purposes.

The Perumpalli *todu* should be extended along Palattamkuzhi, Koduchal and Attitodu up to the Pulikizh river. The extension would be beneficial to an extent of about 8,000 *paras* of land.

The member next spoke about the need for opening a dispensary at Mannar, which had been urged upon the Government several times before. Mannar was an important and a thickly populated place in Tiruvalla. There are an English School, a Sub-Registrar's office, a Palace and other institutions but no hospital. For want

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of proper medical aid, the inhabitants of Kurattisseri, Mannar and Kizhakkumbhagam *pakuthies* and also of Purakad, Budhanur, Kadambur and other places were put to much hardship. If a dispensary could not be opened immediately, one of the three doctors in the Mavelikara District Hospital should be asked to work at Mannar; and the local people would be prepared to set apart a suitable building.

Lastly, a Magistrate's Court should be established at Tiruvalla, as had been pressed at previous sessions of the Assembly.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Narayanan Nair, you have produced a list of 16 roads and canals in connection with which you want things to be done. If you select say, 4 or 5 which you consider most important or most pressing in the order of preference and write to the Chief Secretary, I will have them taken up at once for consideration. How many miles are you from Mavelikara ?

MEMBER: Six miles.

DEWAN: Have you not got a bus service ?

MEMBER: Yes.

DEWAN: There are many people living in Trivandrum six miles away from a hospital. So 6 miles is not a great distance.

The member said that Mannar was an important centre and there was Kadappara on the other side.

DEWAN: Let me come to Tiruvalla.

The member welcomed the visit and was sure the road would be sanctioned if the Dewan personally inspected the region.

DEWAN: The other points taken up will be considered in the same way as the 4 or 5 public works the list of which you will send up to the Chief Secretary.

We will adjourn and meet again at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-33 P. M.

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